President.—The Gazette Notification says that with regard to the agenda of the 15th, 16th and 17th, they will be the agenda of the 28th, 29th and 30th Vrischigam respectively so that the 2nd part of the meeting should be held on the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, transacting the remaining business of the agenda of Monday, the 14th and also the unfinished work of Monday, the 27th. This is given for the sake of order. The next item of business is the moving supplementary grants.

Demands for Supplementary Grants.

Demand 1—Land Revenue—Rs. 700.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I rise to move for an additional allotment for Rs. 700 under "1—Land Revenue, 2 Law charges" (Cranganur). The necessity for the expenditure is a very pressing one. Our Cranganur State has got a big Estate, rather a series of estates, in the adjoining Ponnani Taluk of British Malabar, in no less than 37 *Amsoms*. We get a rent of Rs.7,500 and 8,500 paras of paddy every year. We have to deal with 750 tenants. Our position there is only just that of an ordinary landlord, and our rent has to be collected from the tenants in the ordinary way. Ordinary land-lords resort to civil suits, a practice very well-known to all the Members present here. We tried to collect the rents without resorting to civil suits. But in this particular case the tenant has proved to be persistently recalcitrant. We thought we would be in a position to settle the matter amicably. Accordingly, when we prepared the Cranganur budget for 1103, no provision was made for this suit. All our efforts have been fruitless, and we were driven to the necessity of filing a suit against the defaulter. The minimum expenditure required is Rs. 700 of which Rs. 262 for court fee, Re. 1 *vakalath*, process Rs. 65 writing charges Rs. 20, and this is the estimate given by our vakil and is not prepared by me. A commissioner has got to be appointed for valuation of improvements, and lastly vakil's fee comes to Rs. 150. The estimate comes to Rs. 697-7-0. I ask for a small additional sum of Rs. 2-9-0 in order to make it a round figure. I hope the House will co-operate with me and vote for this grant.

President.—There is no difference of opinion, so far as this House is concerned.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Has the Standing Finance Committee considered this demand?

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know how much amount is to be realised?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar. At present the rent comes to Rs. 22 and 200 paras of paddy, but we hope to get more. I think there are arrears of 5 or 6 years, and

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I know it is not time-barred. The suit is for eviction and also for recovery of arrears of rent.

President.—The question before the House is whether an additional allotment of Rs. 700 under (1) Land Revenue—(2) Law charges' (Cranganur) be granted. Those who are in favour of the grant please hold up their hands.

The motion was carried and the amount granted.

Demand No. IV.—Excise—Rs 70.

President.—The next item of business is supplementary grant No. 2.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 70 under "4-Excise-Miscellaneous" (Cranganur). Since the 1st of Chingam of this year, the independent shop system was introduced with regard to opium also, and both opium and ganja are being issued to shop-keepers from the Treasuries which are supplied from the Central Stores of my office. The necessary boxes for the transport of the drugs from the Central Stores to the Treasuries and the balance and weights for weighing the drugs in the Treasuries, including the Cranganur Treasury, were purchased in Karkadagam 1102 from the State funds. The actual cost of the boxes, the balance and weights supplied to the Cranganur Treasury comes to Rs.55-6-1. This amount has, therefore, to be recovered from Cranganur and credited to the State. The budget allotment, however, under "4-Excise-Miscellaneous" is only Rs. 40, out of which a sum of Rs. 14-1-0 was already spent. The balance available is only Rs. 25-15-0. This balance will not be sufficient to meet the ordinary miscellaneous items of expenditure for the remaining 8 months. The additional allotment now applied for is required to meet the cost of Rs. 55-6-1 above referred to, and the small balance of Rs. 14-9-11 is intended to meet the ordinary miscellaneous expenses for the rest of the year, avoiding piece-meal requisitions. I may state in this connection that the amount sanctioned under this head for 1102 is Rs. 60 but what was actually spent was Rs 63. And this year Rs. 60 was budgetted but Rs. 40 was sanctioned by the Government. Re-appropriation within the budget grant is also not possible. Hence the request for an additional allotment.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—What are the items? "4-Miscellaneous" is not clear.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Lighting charges of aminadars, petrol charges and cost of paint and oil for marking trees. I want only a small balance of Rs. 14-1-0 in this respect.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—There is a cut motion by Mr. K. T. Mathew. The Member is absent.

The following motion was, in the absence of Mr.K.T.Mathew, taken as withdrawn:—

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